



Mary Small Benfield

April 10, 1940 - April 1, 2011

Mary Small Benfield, age 70, of Salisbury passed away Friday afternoon, April 01, 2011 at her home.

She was born April 10, 1940 in Davie County. She was the daughter of the late Jewel Margaret Jones Small and Walter George Small.

Mrs. Benfield was a 1958 graduate of East Spencer High School and attended Mitchell College. She worked in the banking business for over 40 years and retired from CCB in 2000 to only later return to work for Lion's Share Credit Union. She worked for Lion's Share Credit Union until retiring in March 2011 due to her health.

Mrs. Benfield was a member of Bethel United Methodist Church. During her years at Bethel she served as Vice-President and President of the United Methodist Women's Club. She also served as lay leader, treasurer and financial secretary.

She was a loving wife who enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. Mary touched many lives with her generous spirit as she strived to make a difference in people's lives. She enjoyed attending sporting events and cheering on her local teams. Mary will be greatly missed by family and friends but surely not forgotten. She will continue to touch lives through the manner in

which she lived her life and the example she set. She was an inspiration to those who knew her and her life was richly blessed because of her giving. She made countless sacrifices for her family and friends.

Survivors include her husband Vander G. Benfield, Jr. whom she married March 12, 1959 in San Antonio, TX; daughter Sandra B. Bradley (Allen) of Salisbury; son Paul B. Benfield (Debbie) of Salisbury; brothers Walter George Small (Bonnie) and Frank Small (Ruth Ann) both of Salisbury; sisters Janet McKinney (Bill) of Salisbury, Norma Small Byerly (Manly) of Lexington and Martha Small Haynes of Spencer; grandchildren Michelle Bradley, Joshua Bradley and Randall Bradley (Britany); great granddaughter Chloe Bradley.

Visitation: 6-8:00 PM Monday (April 4) at Summersett Funeral Home.

Service: Will be held 2:00 PM Tuesday (April 5) at Summersett Funeral Home conducted by Rev. Kelly Ottinger with burial to follow at Rowan Memorial Park.

Memorials: Bethel United Methodist Church, 2380 Long Ferry Rd., Salisbury, NC 28146.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Benfield family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ Vander, Paul and Sandra, I am so sorry for you loss. Mary Jo was a wonderful person. I am so thankful and blessed to have worked with Mary Jo for so many years. She was a dear friend that I loved very much. I always thought of her as my work mom. I know that she will be missed and that she loved her family dearly.##imported-begin##Crystal Walls##imported-end##

April 04, 2011 at 06:41 PM



“ Paul and Debbie I am so sorry about the loss of your mother. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Love you,
Donnie & Kathy Earnhardt##imported-begin##Kathy
Earnhardt##imported-end##

April 04, 2011 at 08:31 AM



“ To the Benfield family, My Deepest sympathy to all, God has a designed plan for all of us, may you rest in the good Lords words and will that will carry you through your time of sorrow##imported-begin##Derick Jones##imported-end##

April 03, 2011 at 07:44 PM



“ You are in our prayers. Sorry we can't visit with the family. You all have been a special family to us. God bless all of you. Love in Christ. Charles and Doris Barrier##imported-begin##Charles & Doris Barrier##imported-end##

April 03, 2011 at 07:00 PM